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**REMARKS**

Claim 19 has been amended to correct a spelling error.

Claim 27 has been cancelled.

Claims 21, 23, 25 and 26 have been amended to claim a polyester surface.

On page 2, line 18, the Specification states: "The top liquid absorbent textile surface can be formed from a polyester surface with pile height substantially in the range of 3-7 mm." This limitation provides ample support for claims 21-26 which has been amended to claim a polyester surface. Therefore, claims 21-26 have clearly overcome the Examiner's objection under §112. first paragraph in that specification does enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains or with which it is most likely connected to carry out the invention.

Claim 48 has been amended following the suggestions of Examiner Wachtel

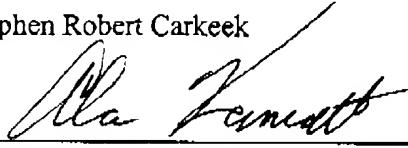
Thus, it is then respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 21-26 and 48 under 35 USC §112 first paragraph has been overcome.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's mat which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 1-26, 28-49, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

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